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1. WE INFORMED MFA FISHERIES OFFICIAL MARCAGGI MAY 27 OF US POSITION ON IWC MORATORIUM (REFTEL), NOTING US SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT AS POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR CONTROL EFFORTS AND STRESSING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INACCEPTABILITY OF WEAK INTERPRETATION. MARCAGGI SAID

GOF HAD NOT YET ESTABLISHED POSITION IT WOULD TAKE AT IWC MEETING. HE NOTED HOWEVER THAT ROUX OF NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM (WHO VERY INFLUENTIAL IN SETTING GOF POLICY TOWARD IWC) BELIEVES THAT FORMULA APPROACH IS TOO GENERAL AND THAT ATTEMPTS TO FIND VALUE FOR "Z" WILL FAIL; ROUX APPARENTLY FAVORS SETTING SPECIFIC LIMITS PER SPECIES AND AREA. WE ANSWERED THAT PIECEMEAL APPROACH PROBABLY WOULD BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE, AND URGED GOF COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE REALISTIC VALUE FOR "Z" ON BASIS AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT. MARCAGGI SAID USG CONCERNS WOULD BE PRESENTED FULLY AT INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING TO BE HELD SHORTLY, AT WHICH GOF POSITION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR LONDON MEETING. RUSH

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